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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Kazutoshi Okuno, et al.

Application No.: 09/560,780

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For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING  
FIELD RESISTANCE OF RICE TO  
RICE BLAST

Customer No.: 20350

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In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.